

Citizens Committee on U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement



Mission:

1. Encourage citizens to be a part of the solution
2. Encourage City staff and citizens to conserve current resources
3. Work with the City Council to implement ideas
4. Effectively address the future impacts of climate change

Committee Members:

Citizens: Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau, Ben Hines
Planning Board: Janice Freeman
City Staff: Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Linda Carl

Meeting Agenda

August 2, 2007

1. Transportation Choices Coalition	Rob Johnson
2. City zoning and sustainability; grant opportunities	Rob Chave
3. Miscellaneous	All
4. Confirm next month's meeting date – Thursday, Sept. <u>13</u> (second Thursday of the month)	All

Meeting Notes

July 5, 2007

Present: Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Hank Landau, Mayor Gary Haakenson, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Rob Chave, Linda Carl
Absent: Wayne Grotheer, Ben Hines, Janice Freeman, Bob Freeman, Steve Fisher, Rob Johnson (Rob was ill and couldn't attend the meeting)
Also attending: Nick Brossoit (ESD), Ed Peters (ESD), Steve Ottenbreit (PUD)

1. ESD construction projects

Ed Peters, director of capital projects for the Edmonds School District, discussed the design and workplan for Lynnwood High School. The design team focused on sustainability and received a \$500K grant to add sustainability features. PUD is working with the district to create more energy-efficiency. The school district has set their standards higher than current requirements, including increased insulation (which also positively affects acoustics), ventilation, and daylighting. LHS is currently under construction and will open in the fall of 2009. Next on the list are Meadowdale Middle School and Madrona K-8. The funds for these projects comes primarily through local bond issues, as well as some grant money; however, the funding is limited.

Steve Ottenbreit, PUD commercial and industrial energy services manager, presented a check to the ESD and thanked Nick and Ed for working with PUD on the LHS project. Steve talked about the low-profile meters that were installed in all the schools in the county to track consumption every 15 minutes to compare day/night/weekend use. LHS also has separate panels that track different uses, such as heating, lighting, and specific outlets. Low-profile meters are in some city buildings as well. For PUD customers, there's an online tool to track their home energy usage.

There was additional discussion regarding smart meters for homes so that customers can see immediate usage.

PUD is also focusing on a small business program that ideally will work comprehensively with each business to reduce energy consumption; for instance, PUD could help determine a business' three-year payback with no upfront investment. Steve mentioned that he would be willing to help with our committee's business initiative.

The PUD board has adopted a parallel policy, making renewables/conservation a primary target. Also, PUD recently purchased a piece of a windfarm.

2. RM zones & green development

Rob Chave, planning manager for the City, indicated that the Planning Board is interested in green development issues and how they relate to the City's development codes. The City recently received a grant to review the development codes and how to implement low-impact standards to the codes. Part of the grant includes an analysis and recommendations. The Council has requested streamlining of the codes without large changes and revisions.

With changes in the density standards, now is a good time to review the multifamily zones. Rob suggested the potential of creating an incentive for green buildings in conjunction with larger lot coverage. For instance, Michel Construction has suggested larger lot coverage with underground parking. Rob suggested that this committee develop a proposal to the Planning Board regarding incentives for green buildings in the multifamily zones.

3. Bicycle-friendly roads and September 22 – International Car-Free Day

Steve B. will bring more information to our next meeting regarding car-free day. He suggested a small area downtown with lane closure in association with some business-related activities. Steve will move forward with the idea.

Hank indicated that the City of Seattle has passed a "complete streets" ordinance, which requires that all streets be designed for all uses (pedestrians, bikes, buses, cars, etc.). The ordinance is in conjunction with SB-5412.

Miscellaneous

Wes provided a handout of a preliminary assessment of Edmonds GHG emissions goal. With a five-percent increase in Edmonds' population by 2012, Wes estimates that we will have to reduce our emissions by 33 percent in order to meet the goals of the Kyoto Protocol. The handout also lists the GHG emissions for other nations.